

# January 2019: Local School Board Recognition Month

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer

**WHEREAS**, Michigan is home to roughly 600 boards of education that work to enrich the lives of Michigan's students through education and directly influence instruction in Michigan's public schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 states that providing for the education of Michigan's children is a fundamental duty of the state government; and,

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are exceptional men and women who have committed themselves to this duty by governing school districts and advancing student achievement in the schools and communities in which they serve; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we join with the Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Department of Education, local school districts and community organizations to recognize and raise awareness of the countless efforts and contributions of local school boards and school board members throughout Michigan; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2019 as Local School Board Recognition Month in Michigan.